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carbon atoms, alk(en)yl or alkylaryl sulfonic acids containing 10 to 20 carbon atoms, and polymeric polycarboxylic acids obtainable by polymerization of ethylenically unsaturated mono- and/or dicarboxylic acids.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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10. (twice amended) A process for the production of a particulate detergent or detergent premix component comprising the steps of providing a flowable acidic component, providing a particle comprising an alkaline detergent ingredient, and applying the flowable acidic component to the particle, to form a particulate detergent or detergent premix component consisting essentially of particles wherein the amount of acidic component applied to the particle is governed by the formula $m_c / (m_c + m_p) = c \cdot 1/r$, where m_c is the weight of the acidic component applied, m_p is the weight of the particle, r is the radius of the particle in μm , and c is a factor of 0.5 length units to 20 length units, and wherein the acidic component comprises one or more acids selected from the group consisting of mono- or dicarboxylic acids containing 10 to 22 carbon atoms, sulfuric acid monoalk(en)yl esters containing 10 to 20 carbon atoms, alk(en)yl or alkylaryl sulfonic acids containing 10 to 20 carbon atoms, and polymeric polycarboxylic acids obtainable by polymerization of ethylenically unsaturated mono- and/or dicarboxylic acids.

Please cancel claim 13.

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18. (amended) A method of preparing a detergent